

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE March 27, 1987

FULL NAME John Wood Fanning SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Salt Lake City STATE Utah ZIP CODE 84108

DATE OF BIRTH 1-17-32 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION LDS NATIONALITY USA

OCCUPATION Until October 1986 Assistant Scout Executive, Great Salt Lake Council/BSA  
Presently City Bus Driver for [REDACTED]

EDUCATION Bachelor Science Degree 1953 Illinois University, IL

WEIGHT 210 HEIGHT 6' RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Graying COLOR OF EYES Brown?

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Very articulate and well educated

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN 3 [REDACTED]  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE [REDACTED]

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
			Professional Scouting District Executive, Park Ridge, IL, 1955		
			Scout Executive Lake Charles, LA, 7-16-73, Assist. Scout Executive, Great Salt Lake Council		
			1981 - 1986		
<u>SPECIAL RECOGNITION</u>					

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Sexual Child Molestation

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

John Fanning has admitted to having an involvement with a teen age boy on one occasion while the two sleeping together in a double sleeping bag during an Order of the Arrow overnight activity.

**NOTED**

Signed K. Hart Bullock  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Great Salt Lake Council**CONFIDENTIAL**

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

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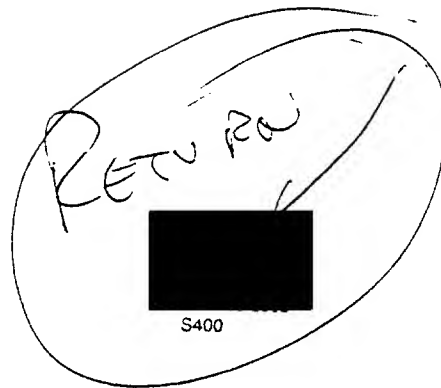
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National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM



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June 8, 1987

Mr. K. Hart Bullock  
Scout Executive  
Great Salt Lake Council, No. 590

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John Wood Fanning

Dear Hart:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: Western Region

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JUN 08 1987  
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March 6, 1987

Mr. K. Hart Bullock  
Scout Executive  
Great Salt Lake Council, No. 590

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John W. Fanning

Dear Hart:

I have written on two previous occasions related to the above-named individual. It is most important that we have a Confidential Record Sheet so that we may identify Mr. Fanning and refuse registration should attempts be made at another location. I am enclosing another sheet for your use.

If any legal action has taken place related to this, we would like to know the outcome so that we may have this information to strengthen our file. We appreciate your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Western Region

*Do not show  
him registered*

CONF014925

December 17, 1986

Mr. K. Hart Bullock  
Scout Executive  
Great Salt Lake Council, No. 590

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John W. Fanning

Dear Hart:

In October I wrote to you concerning the above-named individual. This letter was written because we had received information, through personnel, that Mr. Fanning had been terminated after some actions with youth which were not in keeping with the Scout Oath and Law.

I would like a Confidential Record Sheet completed so that we may identify Mr. Fanning should he try to register as a volunteer in some other location.

Please let me know if we may be of help to you in any way as we try to complete our file.

The information which you enclose will give us the necessary file for protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Western Region

READY FOR FILE

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SHIRLEY MEYER

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October 23, 1986

Mr. K. Hart Bullock  
Scout Executive  
Great Salt Lake Council, No. 590

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John W. Fanning

Dear Hart:

I recently was made aware of the termination of the above-named individual. I believe the circumstances would dictate that he should be placed on our confidential file.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, so that we may identify Mr. Fanning should he try to become registered in some other location as a volunteer.

If you have any other information which you feel would be helpful to our file, or if you feel that we are not making the proper decision, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: Western Region

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NOTES FROM K. HART BULLOCK'S MEETING WITH JOHN FANNING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1986

On Monday, September 22, 1986 I invited John Fanning into my office to meet with me and Area Director Boyd Ivie. I told John that I had recently received information involving him in misconduct with young men. I asked John to tell me if this were true. He became very shaken and stated that it was true. He further told us that only the two [REDACTED] brothers has been involved. I pressed the issue with a possible third or more boys. John stated that there were no others.

John admitted to everything that I confronted him with. He did; however, state that as soon as he touched [REDACTED] penis on the night of September 12th, he knew he had done wrong and stopped at that point with no prompting from the boy. He said he wished he had never done what he has done and was so sorry but understood well what action must now be taken.

I told John that he was to suspend all involvement with the Boy Scouts of America as of now. I told him that we had two options. Immediate termination or he could resign and I would pay him through the end of next month but he had to leave as of now. He elected to resign. I also told him that National would be notified and he could never have a scouting relationship again. He understood well.

Both Boyd and I offered any possible help and told him we were available if he needed to talk. I also encouraged John to seek professional counseling to help him.

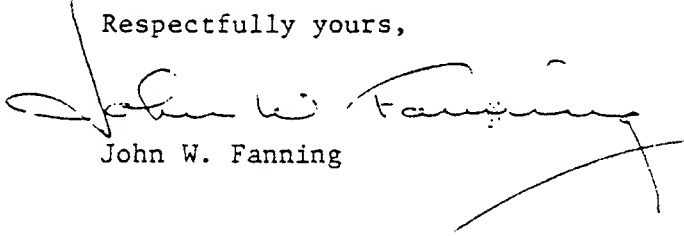
[REDACTED]  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108  
September 22, 1986

K. Hart Bullock, Scout Executive  
Great Salt Lake Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84113

Dear Hart:

I hereby submit my resignation from the Boy Scouts of America,  
effective immediately.

Respectfully yours,

  
John W. Fanning

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NOTES FROM K. HART BULLOCK'S MEETING WITH  
THE [REDACTED] FAMILY  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1986

On Tuesday evening at 8:40 p.m. upon my return from Dallas, Texas I phoned the [REDACTED] home. [REDACTED] answered the phone, I told him that John had accepted his release from scouting. I told [REDACTED] that I felt it most necessary that I sit with he and his brother, [REDACTED] and their parents and let them know what has happened. [REDACTED] came to the phone. I asked if I could come to their home and visit this evening. He said no they didn't want to talk to anyone tonight. I told him it was most important and when he felt he could permit me to visit with them to please call. In about five minutes [REDACTED] called back and invited me to their home.

I told the [REDACTED] how much I admired their [REDACTED] and the degree of maturity they had demonstrated in telling me of a most unpleasant experience they had been involved in with John Fanning. The [REDACTED] didn't appear shaken. I continued by telling them that I must report Mr. Fanning's action to the authorities but wanted to first make sure they understood what had happened from me and the boys. I felt that if they heard it from a police officer who appeared at their door it would be even more disturbing. The parents told me that they agreed that [REDACTED] were special and that the boys had already told them what had happened and that I didn't need to go to the authorities as they had already called Mr. Deloy Teuscher of the Utah State Social Services. I told them I also needed to call Mr. Teuscher which I did first thing Wednesday morning.

I had a very good visit with the [REDACTED]. They expressed their appreciation to me for my visit and concern for them and their sons. They said that they would seek counseling to help the boys thorough the shock of this experience.

NOTES ON ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST

JOHN FANNING

TAKEN BY K. HART BULLOCK, SEPTEMBER 20, 1986

Upon my return home Saturday evening, September 20, 1986 I was told that a [REDACTED] had phoned and needed to visit with me most urgently. \*Cliff is a unit commissioner and assistant Order of the Arrow advisor in the Stone Creek district. At about 9:00 p.m. I returned [REDACTED] call and found him to be most upset to the point that he had difficulty telling me what the problem was. He said he had information about child sexual abuse involving John Fanning and at least two of our Order of the Arrow boys. I asked if he could meet with me in five minutes at the 29th ward chapel.

Shortly after 9:00 p.m. [REDACTED] met me at the church and told me that he had visited by phone this evening with [REDACTED] and his [REDACTED] brother [REDACTED]. Both of these young men, 15 or 16 years of age had told [REDACTED] that John Fanning has for the past three years attempted to involve them in more than a normal relationship. One which has found John sleeping with the boys in their sleeping bags on several campouts and his touching the boys and trying to arouse them sexually.

I had Cliff phone the boys and ask if I could come to their home and visit with them. They stated that they really wanted to talk with me and that their parents were out for the evening and they would like me to come as soon as possible. I phoned our area director Boyd Ivie and informed him as to what was transpiring and invited him to make the visit with me. He was unable to go so I took [REDACTED] and drove to the [REDACTED] home.

Both of the boys were somewhat upset but stated that they wanted to clear everything up and make sure that they were on the right track and would not be bothered by Mr. Fanning any more. [REDACTED] told me that he had met John in 1982 when he was assisting with the university of scouting. John, following that time had befriended him and involved him in many scouting functions. He had gained a very close friendship with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had gained his trust. [REDACTED] introduced John to [REDACTED] brother and John extended the same unusual friendship to him. They said that John would invite them to travel to camps and OA activities with him and sleep in his tent trailer with him. They having great trust in John didn't realize that John's affection for them and his desire to touch and be with them was unnatural.

They told of several occasions on OA activities, Sectional Conclaves, Varsity Scout Rendezvous when John would start his approach by tickling them, followed by rubbing their legs up to their crotch then running his hand inside their shirt and on

several occasions placing his hand down inside their pants and rub their bottom. They told of experiences in John tent trailer and in the camp directors living quarters at the East Fork of the Bear during the Varsity Scout Rendezvous when the boys would zip their sleeping bags together to sleep and John would join them by crawling in their bag between them. On these occasions he would rub their backs, play with their ears which included his nibbling on their ears.

- [redacted] told of one occasion while he and [redacted] were traveling with John in his car to a section OA conclave. [redacted] had fallen asleep in the seat next to John and was awoken by John rubbing his leg gradually working up to his crotch. John then inserted his hand inside [redacted] coat and shirt and rubbed his chest. [redacted] was observing this activity from the back seat. John reached back and started to run his hand up [redacted] leg. At this point [redacted] hit John and told him to knock that stuff off.

[redacted] stated that last weekend, September 12 and 13, John had invited he and [redacted] to spend the night with him in his tent trailer at the OA activity at Camp Tracy. They said they were disturbed when John parked his trailer way down at the bottom of camp far away from the rest of the campers. [redacted] said that the usual things transpired. He and [redacted] zipped their bags together so they might keep warmer. John crawled in between them and commenced to tickle, touch and rub the boys. He played with their ears, nibbling and chewing on them. [redacted] said that John ran his hand down till he was touching his pubic hairs. John continued to bite his ear and touch him. [redacted] became somewhat aroused and John rubbed [redacted] penis. [redacted] told him to stop and would not let it go further.

The following day [redacted] took a walk with John up the mountain and visited with him about his actions with boys. John told him that as a 12 year old he had an involvement with an older boy including oral sex and continued this kind of activity until marriage. He told [redacted] that he now was doing it because his sex life at home was not so great. [redacted] said that John had also told him that he had an involvement with a boy during the time he lived in Louisiana. Two years ago John had brought this young man out to Utah to stay with him during the summer.

The two boys felt that John has had close contact with other boys and they are fearful that his actions would result in serious problems for those he came in contact with. They asked if I could see that this didn't happen. They had not told their parents for fear of what their dad would do. I told them that was up to them but they should not visit with others about it and I would work things out with John. They were also fearful of what John might do to them for telling.